

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
Sept 11, 2007

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

There was a moment of silence in recognition of *Patriots Day* and to honor the victims of the 9-1-1 Terrorist attack.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Aldermen Toni Cobb, James Smith, Dave Holsomback and Evelyn Cador, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson and City Attorney Patrick Benca. Alderman Robin Baker was absent

Financial Report: Recorder-Treasurer Wilson presented the financial report for Aug 2007. Financial summary was:

General Fund:

Checking account.....	\$ 9,769.08
Undeposited Cash	\$ 0.00
Reserve Fund	<u>\$32,210.57</u>
Total General Fund ...	\$41,979.65

General Fund Revenue....	\$28,852.18
General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$38,332.76</u>
Net loss	(9,480.58)

Reader Board Fund \$ 812.41

Street Fund:

Checking Account	\$90,762.64
Undeposited Cash	\$ 233.66
Reserve Fund	<u>\$36,777.53</u>
Total Street fund	<u>\$127,773.83</u>

Street Fund Revenue....	\$17,748.35
Street Fund Expenditures	<u>\$16,883.90</u>
Net Gain	\$ 864.45

Motion to approve the report was made by Alderman Holsomback. A second was provided by Alderman Smith. The motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Minutes: A motion was made by Alderman Cobb to table the minutes for The Regular Council Meeting held Aug 14, 2007 because she had not had an opportunity to review them. The motion received a second from Alderman Smith. The motion was approved by voice vote without opposition.

Filling Vacancy for Ward 1, Position 2: A letter was distributed to the residents in ward 1 over a week prior to the meeting inviting any interested parties to apply for the vacant position. Only one application was received. Ms Sue Skipper, who has served on the council in the past, applied. With only one applicant, Mayor Davis asked for a motion

nominating Ms Skipper. Alderman Cador made a motion nominating Ms Skipper as the replacement Alderman for Ward 1, Position 2. The motion received a second from Alderman Holsomback. In a Roll Call vote Alderman Cobb, Smith, Holsomback and Cador Voted “Yes.”. There were no opposing votes, Alderman Baker was absent. Ms Sue Skipper was then sworn in as Alderman for Ward 1, Position 2 and took her seat on the Council.

Mayor Davis announced that, in accordance with ACA 14-56-404, it is legal for Ms Skipper to retain her position on the Planning Commission while serving on the Council. He stated that he had asked her if she would continue on the Commission and she indicated that she would.

Old Business:

Item 1. Paving Bids:

New bids have been received regarding paving the Police and Fire Department parking lot.

After a brief discussion concerning expected quality and amount of work to be done and the availability of funds to pay for the project, a motion was made by Alderman Cador to table the project. The Motion received a second from Alderman Cobb. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

New Business:

Mayor Davis requested an addition to the Agenda to address changing the Court Clerk’s pay. A motion to add the item to the agenda was made by Alderman Holsomback. A second was offered by Alderman Skipper. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 1: Increase hours and salary for Court Clerk:

Mayor Davis explained that the increase in cases and workload in the court and the upcoming change to District Court makes it necessary for the Court Clerk to work more hours than in the past. He recommends adding six (6) hours per week with a matching increase in salary. This would result in an additional \$67.50 per week. Following a brief discussion, A motion was made by Alderman Holsomback that the authorized hours per week for the Court Clerk be increased from Twelve, (12) to Eighteen, (18). which increases the weekly pay for the position by \$67.50 per week. The motion received a second from Alderman Smith. In a roll all vote Alderman Skipper, Cobb, Smith, Holsomback and Cador voted “Yes.” Alderman Baker was absent. The Motion is approved with Five, (5) “Yes” votes Zero (0) “No” votes and one, (1) Absent.

Mayor Davis asked if any Council member had any business the wanted to bring before the council.

Alderman Smith asked about the status of the Sewer Treatment plant. Mayor Davis reported that work was scheduled to begin next week.

Alderman Holsomback asked Public Works Director Passmore if all of the Permits and contracts had been approved and signed. Mr. Passmore stated that the water Department had just paid for the permit and that to the best of his knowledge Mr. Lemons had received all documents and they were all completed and signed.

Mayor Davis stated that he had one more item to be discussed tonight if the Council would agree to add it to the agenda. It has to do with the abatement process.

Alderman Smith made a motion to add the issue to the agenda. Alderman Holsomback provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 2: Abatement Procedures:

Mayor Davis updated the Council on the cleanup that was accomplished by the city on some property located on Beachwood Ave. in the city. A bill was sent to the owners of record for the work done. The owners have not made any effort to pay. State law says that to proceed with further action, the Mayor must receive an order to proceed from the City Council. Following several minutes of discussion Alderman Smith made a motion to Order the Mayor to proceed with the abatement process regarding the Beachwood Property. Alderman Cobb provided a second. In a Roll Call vote, Aldermen Cobb, Smith, Holsomback, Cador and Skipper voted "Yes." There were no opposing votes. Alderman Baker was absent.

Department Head Reports:

Lynn Shepard reported for the Police Dept about the Special operation check point operated over the Labor Day Week End. He pointed out the extra page on the back of the written monthly report. That page contains statistics relative to the check point.

Department Head reports were submitted in writing and a copy was provided to each alderman. Copies of the reports are maintained in the Recorder's office for anyone who wishes to view them.

Comments:

Larry Hacker inquired about maintenance on Sardis Road.

Alderman Cobb asked about getting an area on Vimy Ridge Road mowed where children cross the road and the tall grass and weeds contributes to the danger. Mr. Passmore said that even though the mower was in the shop for repairs they could take care of that area with other equipment.

Citizen, Mr. Kelly asked about getting an area at an intersection cleaned by the city. Some discussion followed about who is responsible for maintaining the right of way areas of each city lot. City Attorney Benca said he would check the laws relative to that topic.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Skipper. A second was supplied by Alderman Cobb. The motion was approved by a voice vote, with no opposition. The Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer